

Application No.: 09/821,753

Docket No.: 2328-053

REMARKS

This RCE is being filed as a result of further study of Bhardwaj et al. by technical personnel of applicants' assignee. The study indicates in Bhardwaj et al. there is continuous application of etchant to the workpiece because it is impossible to completely sweep the etchant from the chamber during formation of the feature. However, in Bhardwaj et al. etchant is not always the dominant material applied to the workpiece during formation of a feature (as now required by claims 1 and 17) and etchant is not the only material applied to the workpiece during formation of a feature (as now required by claim 34).

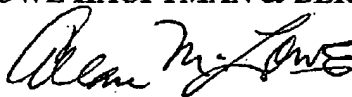
Applicants have canceled claims 7, 14-16, 19, 24, 27 and 29, and reserve the right to file a divisional application on these claims that have been withdrawn from consideration.

Allowance is in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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